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## Roosevelt's Message of Hope to France in Her Darkest Hour

# U.S. EFFORT TO AID ALLIES REDOUBLED



HE'S LEARNT THE SIGN FROM DADDY!

## More Blows at Italy: Two Forts Captured

Alexandria, Saturday.

In a dashing attack across the Libyan frontier, British troops, co-operating with R.A.F. bombers, captured the Italian fort of Capuzzo, says an official communiqué. Four Italian officers and 100 soldiers were taken prisoner. Ammunition stores were blown up and extensive damage was done to the fort.

"Planes also attacked Fort Maddalena, Sadi Aziz and military objectives near Giarabub," the communiqué added.

In these operations one three-motored Italian monoplane was destroyed, one single-seater fighter was shot down and another is believed to have been badly damaged. An Italian plane of the Ghibli type was disabled."

It was stated in the communiqué that Fort Maddalena surrendered.

Italian air raids on the Egyptian airfield of Sollum, and on frontier posts held by Egyptians at Shegga and Weskha were mentioned. At Wajir (Kenya), where slight damage was done, one officer was slightly wounded.

Raids were also made on Malta, but very little damage was done.

**SECRET AIRFIELD BOMBED**

A message from Aden, on the Red Sea, says that during a night raid on a hostile aerodrome, in Italian East Africa, an R.A.F. pilot had reason to believe that there was another landing ground near, although there had been no previous evidence of its existence.

The Italians, were surprised, with their aircraft on the ground. Our machines flew low, damaged some aircraft, set others on fire and caused considerable material damage.—A.P., B.U.P. and Reuter.

## TO FREE ABYSSINIA

Jerusalem, Saturday. GENERAL RAS BIDDU, the Abyssinian, who has been in exile in Jerusalem since 1936, flew to Sudan today to organise an Abyssinian campaign against the Italians.

### FRENCH CABINET TO MEET TODAY

THE French Cabinet met yesterday afternoon. The meeting lasted three and a half hours. Another meeting will be held today.

### HITLER SPEECH DAY

Gothenburg, Saturday. THE Danish correspondent of the "Göteborg Posten" learns from Berlin that it is announced that Hitler will make an important speech at Versailles on June 26, the 21st anniversary of the signing of the Versailles Treaty.

### U.S. LINER SAILS IN HURRY

TWO MINUTES AFTER THE LAST PIECE OF LUGGAGE HAD BEEN PUT ON BOARD, THE UNITED STATES LINER WASHINGTON SAILED FOR AMERICA YESTERDAY, WITH 2,000 PERSONS ON BOARD, INCLUDING HER CREW.

Nearly one thousand persons embarked at Galway.

The last passengers walked up the gangway early yesterday, and from then until the liner sailed, three hours later, the last of 500 tons of fresh water was being pumped on board and cases of luggage were taken into the holds.

The tender City of Galway had not pulled 50 feet away from the line when it began to move.

One woman, a native of Oranmore Co. Galway, whose husband sent her money from America to cover her fare and that of her four children, was left behind.

Her children were all born in America, but she had failed to take out her naturalisation papers. She was, therefore, refused passage.

She and her children were actually on board the liner when the question of her papers arose. Although her children would have been permitted to sail by themselves, she was not.

She was told when it began to move.

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## WATCH RUSSIA! SOVIET TROOPS MARCH INTO LITHUANIA

## Stalin Prepares On Other Fronts

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

WATCH RUSSIA! STALIN, DISTURBED OVER THE SMASHING PROGRESS OF THE NAZI ARMIES IN FRANCE, MADE HIS FIRST OPEN MOVE YESTERDAY AGAINST THE GROWING THREAT OF A HITLER-DOMINATED EUROPE.

### RAF Wreck Arms Dump

## BERGEN, RUHR BOMBED

WRECKAGE was flung 2,000 ft. into the air when a coastal command aircraft hit an ammunition dump at Bergen, Norway, early yesterday, states the Air Ministry.

This was another of many recent attacks on German supply ships in Bergen harbour.

It was an American-built Lockheed Hudson aircraft which made this attack, and its first

hit the dump.

The pilot of an aircraft following saw volleys of black smoke come from the dump, and the big fire which was started guided other aircraft to the target.

Many bombs were dropped. Docks, jetties and warehouses on the quay were hit.

### PLANES FLEW LOW

Anti-aircraft fire was continuous but before they left the British pilots flew low and heavily machine-gunned the German gun emplacements.

Military objectives in Southern Germany and in the Ruhr were simultaneously attacked on Friday night and yesterday morning in a series of long-distance raids by heavy R.A.F. bombers.

The raids on South Germany began shortly after midnight and lasted for nearly two hours. Low clouds sometimes hampered visibility, forcing the aircraft to come low to identify their exact position. Anti-aircraft fire was heavy and well aimed.

Heavy explosions were seen following some of the bursts and one crew reported that they continued for nearly five minutes after their attack. Another crew reported seeing two vivid flashes, blinding in their intensity, full minute after their bombs had struck the target.

It was stated that the Allies continue in close consultation and complete agreement.

A London denial that the French demanded capitulation was repeated in France yesterday.

(5) Oil shipments to Germany have been stopped.

(6) Large bodies of Soviet troops have been drafted into Russian-occupied Poland, to reinforce the "occupying" garrisons.

(7) Discussions are proceeding between Russia and Finland for the fortification of the Åland islands.

### BIG CASH CROSSWORDS

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## Good for NERVES



You've had something more than a drink when you've had a GUINNESS

### FRANCE'S TRAGIC HOUR

Yesterday, hours before Mr. Roosevelt's cable reached M. Reynaud, no attempt was made in French official circles to hide the fact that the military situation is extremely dangerous.

"During the next twenty-four or forty-eight hours the battle" (wires Reuter's correspondent from Tours, the city from which the French Government was in transit yesterday to another centre) "may reach its culminating point.

"The French are still fighting with all the strength left to them," declares the correspondent, "but no secret is made of the tragedy that lies ahead if positive help does not arrive from other democracies with the greatest promptitude.

"France in this the most tragic hour of her history, is searching the sky over the Atlantic for a cloud as big as a man's hand, which would herald the bitterly needed American planes. But they will have to come quickly and they will have to come in thousands."

Last night's French official communiqué stated:

"In Normandy as well as south of Paris the situation is unchanged."

"Further East enemy elements crossed the Seine in the Romilly area. The enemy increased his pressure in the region from Troyes to St. Dizier and pushed advance guards in the direction of Chau-

"In Alsace he attacked in the region of Neuf Brissach. Some detachments succeeded in crossing the Rhine without breaking our position of resistance."

(See German communiqué  
foot Page Twelve)

## Fifth Column Plot to be Smashed

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

ARRESTS by the police and the unearthing of certain documents have convinced the Government that stern and prompt action is more than ever necessary against the Fifth Column.

Thousands of Germans, Austrians, Czechs, Italians and British Fifth Columnists are already interned. The cases of thousands more are being urgently examined.

The Government want to avoid any "spy mania," but they mean to track down everybody whose freedom is likely to hamper the effective prosecution of the war. The names of most of the "wanted" men and women are already in their possession.

# Save for Victory!

What you have to do

Every time you have a coin in your hand—think before you spend it. The money is wanted—urgently wanted—in the fight for freedom, for our homes—for our very lives.

Bring out every shilling you can now!

Go to a Post Office or your Bank and put your money into National Savings Certificates or Defence Bonds, or deposit your savings in the Post Office or Trustee Savings Banks.

Join a Savings Group. Make others join with you. Save regularly week by week.

There is no time to lose. The need is urgent.

IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOU!

## Wounds in Both Legs Healed

Large wounds on BOTH LEGS—for over 4 years—one shudders at the thought of such suffering. Yet this man endured it and thanks to Holloways Ointment he CONQUERED IT. See his letter. "I have two large wounds in my left leg and one large one in my right leg, for over four years, and I could get nothing to heal them. They got worse and worse. For nearly three years I had treatment, but nothing could heal my wounds. At last I was persuaded to use Holloways Ointment. I can't work with it and my clothes get torn and they now perfectly well. I go to work in the pit as though they had never been bad." If you have any skin trouble such as abscesses, boils, carbuncles, burns, scalds, eczema, wounds, etc., apply HOLLOWAYS Brand OINTMENT. Sold everywhere at 3d., 1s., 3s. and 5s.—Advt.

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# HITLER'S TERMS TO US WOULD BE "PEACE OF DEATH"

## BRITAIN'S ANSWER: OUR NAVY WILL RULE

### SEVEN DAYS

Saturday, June 8: French bombed Berlin.

Sunday, June 9: Germans at outskirts of Rouen.

Monday, June 10: Italy declared war. Loss of aircraft carrier Glorious, two destroyers and two other ships off Norway announced. British and French evacuate Northern Norway.

Tuesday, June 11: Germans reach Seine. R.A.F. bombed aerodromes in Libya and Italian East Africa.

Wednesday, June 12: Germans captured Reims. Egypt severed diplomatic relations with Italy.

Thursday, June 13: Announced 6,000 British troops taken prisoner near Abbeville. M. Reynaud made dramatic appeal to U.S. for aid "to save very life of France."

Friday, June 14: Germans entered Paris.

### U.S. MOVE TO SPEED UP WAR SUPPLIES

Washington, Saturday. AS PART OF THE U.S. ENDEAVOUR TO SPEED UP WAR SUPPLIES TO THE ALLIES, THERE IS A MOVEMENT AFOOT TO ENABLE AMERICAN SHIPS TO TRANSPORT THESE SUPPLIES HERE.

Several New York shipping officials are reported to be conferring with Washington urging that the Monroe Doctrine should be modified.

The Pittman Neutrality Act forbids American ships to carry passengers and goods to belligerent countries, prohibits credits to belligerents and regulates the use of American ports and territorial waters by belligerent warships.

America could fly 1,000 fighting planes across the Atlantic to aid the Allies within the next three weeks, according to an American informant.

Although these 1,000 planes represent only a fraction of the flying force of 50,000 envisaged by President Roosevelt, they would be enough in the opinion of American military experts to turn the tides.

**H**ITLER'S PEACE AIDS—COLONIES AND THE DESTRUCTION OF BRITISH SEA POWER—WERE DESCRIBED IN A BROADCAST LAST NIGHT BY MR. HAROLD NICOLSON, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, AS "THE PEACE OF DEATH" FOR THE ALLIES AND THE COUNTRIES HE HAS OVER-RUN.

Mr. Nicolson was replying to the interview which Hitler gave to an American journalist, Karl von Wiegand.

"Were Hitler able to rob us of our naval defence," said Mr. Nicolson, "we should be as powerless as was Czechoslovakia when she lost her land defences."

"We shall not pay a shameful price for peace. The honour and safety of the world lie in our hands."

Mr. Nicolson, pointing to Hitler's declaration that Germany had no territorial or political interest in the American continent, said:

"That is exactly what he used to say to France and ourselves when he was trying to pull us into a false sense of security in the hope that we should (as we did) allow him to occupy the Rhineland and to seize Austria and Czechoslovakia."

"Were Herr Hitler to develop either territorial or political interest in the North or South America he would be prevented from rendering that interest effective, firstly by the British Navy and, secondly, by the American Navy."

His remark, therefore, was largely sour grapes. But not wholly. When Hitler hands somebody a bunch of roses, he is always careful that the bunch should contain some really nasty thorns.

"So when he assured America that she had no cause to be frightened, he added a nasty bit about the Monroe Doctrine."

**FANTASTIC**

He implied thereby that his promise not to attack America only held good so long as the United States kept out of Europe. He then went on to assure Karl von Wiegand that about a Fifth Column was "stupid and fantastic." All arose from the fact that in democratic countries the governments had no idea how to treat the opposition parties.

His point was, I suppose, that in countries like Germany, where all political opponents were banged about the head in concentration camps, there could be no such thing as a Fifth Column.

"But was it the Norwegian Government who invented Major Quisling? Were the Dutch Government merely seeking for an excuse when they contended that

**HIS PEACE AIM**

"But that was not all that Herr Hitler asked as the price of our surrender. He wanted our Colonies. Above all he wanted our Fleet and to restore what he called the freedom of the seas.

An official of the Air Ministry told a "People" reporter last night: "Considering that it is a Saturday, the number of inquiries is quite good."

The Bureau, at 116-126, Cannon-st., E.C. exists only to provide information about vacancies in other branches of the Air Force and in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

"It is the British Navy who for 150 years have maintained the freedom of the seas. They kept them free from Napoleon, free from Bismarck, free from the Kaiser. They will continue to keep them free from Hitler."

"Mr. Karl von Wiegand thought it to be Herr Hitler what were his peace aims. The Fuehrer was a little disconcerted by this question and declared triumphantly that his peace aim was peace. Peace, I suppose, for Czechoslovakia, for Austria, for Poland, for Denmark, for Norway, for Holland, for Belgium, for France, and for Great Britain—the peace of death.

"From this peace, he added, would come what he called 'the dawn of reason among peoples,' meaning thereby the moment when the peoples of Europe and America would cease resisting the ambitions, cruelties and crimes of the Nazi system. That form of reason will never dawn among free peoples. We prefer the blazing sunshine of our hate."

"This interview between Herr Hitler warns us of what we have to expect. When Hitler decided to murder Czechoslovakia he assured us that 'he had no further territorial ambitions in Europe.'

"Yet when he had made Czechoslovakia powerless he swooped and took them into slavery.

"Similarly, he does not today announce that he wishes to destroy Great Britain. All he wants to do is to take colonies, murder our leading men and women, and have us surrender the British Navy."

"Were he able to rob us of our naval defences, Hitler would be in London tomorrow. We should have paid a shameful price for peace, and peace would be denied us."

The soldier's wife and other members of the family were also in the cinema.

### ONE OF THE HEAVY BRIGADE



This animated quartermaster's stores is so well equipped that a little thought has to be given as to the best way to get into the railway carriage.

### Fighting Men Needed

## CALL-UP TO BE HUSTLED

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

**T**HE CALLING-UP AND TRAINING OF MEN FOR MILITARY SERVICE IS BEING ACCELERATED.

### City Drive

### R.A.F. BUREAU "BESIEGED"

**MORE THAN 1,000 MEN AND WOMEN CALLED AT THE NEW R.A.F. RECRUITING INQUIRY BUREAU IN THE CITY YESTERDAY—ITS FIRST DAY OPEN.**

**A SIX-FOOT ARTILLERY-MAN WAS REUNITED WITH HIS FAMILY AT A SOUTHWEND KINEMA.**

**HIS "TURN"**

**Soldier Finds Family At Kinema**

From Our Own Correspondent

Southend, Saturday.

**THE ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE**

**CROSSWORD No. 202**

**T**HE Adjudication Committee

**decided that the most meritorious answers on one square**

**(on right) were those submitted by:**

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**prize must demand a rescrutiny by**

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**Runners-up (differing from the**

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**10 competitors share the**

**Runners-up Prize of £250, and will**

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## BRITISH CRUISER SUNK

By Italian Submarine

**T**HE 4,180-ton British cruiser Calypso has been sunk by an Italian submarine in the Mediterranean. Thirty-nine of her crew are feared dead.

This was announced in an Admiralty communiqué yesterday afternoon. It said:

"The Secretary of the Admiralty regrets to announce that H.M.S. Calypso (Capt. H. A. Ross, R.N.) has been sunk by an Italian submarine in Mediterranean waters. One officer and thirty-eight ratings are missing, and it is feared that they may have been lost. The next of kin have been informed."

Calypso was completed in June, 1917, and formed a unit in a light cruiser squadron with the Grand Fleet.

Her nominal complement was about 430.

She was to have been scrapped years ago under the London Naval Treaty, but in 1936, owing to the deterioration of the international situation, the Government decided to retain her for a maximum of five years.

She carried five 6-inch guns, 17 other guns and eight torpedo

torpedoes.

Britain has lost two other

crusiers since the war began.

The Eddington was wrecked off the

Norwegian coast and the Curlew

was bombed off Norway at the

end of May.

**TWO TRAWLERS LOST**

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**LORD DERBY "LOYAL TO CHURCHILL"**

From Our Own Correspondent

Liverpool, Saturday.

**L**ORD DERBY, president of

the Council of the Lan-

cashire, Cheshire and West-

morland area Conservative

Party, in a message apologising

for his absence from the

Council's annual meeting in

Liverpool today, said:

"I should like to have been

present so as to have expressed

my thorough loyalty to Mr.

Churchill.

"He and I had certain differ-

ences of opinion. These have been

entirely cleared up. At the pre-

sent moment I can safely say I

can show unqualified support to

Mr. Churchill and his Govern-

ment."

"After the War, and when we

have gained the victory, there are

questions to be asked which will

have to be answered, but that is

neither here nor there now."

"We have got a hard fight in front of us. There will be many rebus-

ts, but I am certain in the end victory

will be ours."

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**YOU**: "I didn't say that."

**SHE**: "Well, you can come and look at my clothesline any time you like!"

**YOU**: "All right. But..."

**SHE**: "But—no boiling! No hard rubbing! Just 15 minutes' soaking in warm Rinso suds for the ordinarily dirty whites and then a 20-minute soak in the same suds for the extra-dirty ones."

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A SIMPLE HERB SECRET

Nazis' Secret Service Chief Stages His

# SWISS SPY PLOT!

By S. THEODORE FELSTEAD

Author of "The Kaiser's Master Spy"

**N**OBODY knew better than von Nicolai that the moment the war started in earnest—and by that was meant the real fight with France and England—the problem of keeping his spy services going would be intensified a hundred-fold.

If the task had been a difficult enough one in the beginning, it was not insuperable so long as he could use Holland, Belgium, Switzerland and Spain as the jumping-off ground for the hundreds of spies now being employed by his secret services.

But once Holland and Belgium had to be eliminated—which to all practical intents and purposes would happen as soon as they were invaded—there remained nothing but Switzerland and Spain.

Both of these countries were invaluable to him for the agents he badly wanted to get into France.

Nicolai had little or no faith in penetrating England with his spies. He had tried it times innumerable throughout the Great War with the direst of results.

Nor had he any stronger belief in the use of refugees; those also, had proved to be broken reeds in the past. They could certainly get into the British Isles; the trouble was that neither they, nor their information, succeeded in getting out.

France was Nicolai's burning ambition, that same France which in 1912, on the eve of his appointment to the head of the German secret service, had taken it upon himself to chase him all over the place when he had ventured to give her what might be called a reconnoitring survey of the spy

the accepted type, determined-looking fellows who would hardly stick at trifles.

From a peep-hole in the wall he watched them closely, and after they had been given their visas and departed, took possession of the forms they had previously filled in.

Their names were Rochaud, Fabre and Veiller.

Verdier knew none of them, and he could well believe, if the master spy had done his work with his customary cunning, that the trio would be equally unknown at the Second Bureau.

Now began a most absorbing chase which might lead anywhere, and to anybody.

On the station at Basle, Verdier, once more wearing an hotel uniform, saw the spies depart for France one by one, on three successive days. When they reached the frontier at Eaux Vives they were picked up by colleagues from Paris, to be shadowed wherever they went.

Then came a real mystery which Monet promptly presented to his French colleague for solution—the arrival of the rich Swiss Gustav Bertaut, the owner of a watch factory in Geneva of international repute.

He had time enough at his disposal, and all the money he wanted, to perfect his plans.

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It was a piercingly cold day in January this year when Nicolai alighted from the train at Berne with half a dozen tortuous schemes occupying his mind.

What could the Nazis want with him?

Their money could hardly be of interest to him; was it likely he was being cajoled into their political schemes?

Yet at the Hotel Fleur, he and Nicolai, accompanied by the German Minister, had met two or three times, in the dead of night when the icy winds from the Alps whistled across the Lake and few people went out of doors if they could possibly help it.

Their meetings had taken place in a private suite; Monet had undergone incredible risks to overhear their talk, but could glean nothing.

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To Verdier's mind the truth lay in the watch factory.

He set his assistants to mix with the people employed there, the sober-looking citizens who came out in the evening with their wives to drink coffee and listen to a band.

Strange stories were told him within a week or two.

## Caution

He pulled the thick collar closely about his ears, not only to keep out the cold, but also to disguise himself as far as possible from prying eyes that might belong to agents of the enemy. There were plenty of them in the Cantons, as he knew.

A man from the German Legation, no stranger to Nicolai, awaited his coming. He gave the great man deferential greeting and they walked down the platform together, to enter a private suite.

They did not see another man who followed close on their heels, a man in a blue, gold-braided uniform, with a cap which bore the name "Hotel Ambassador."

Why should they?

There were dozens of hotel porters and travel agents scurrying among the passengers. The man from the Ambassador was not in the least conspicuous, as was only proper with Henri Verdier, one of the crack men from the Second Bureau in Paris.

Verdier watched the two Germans drive off and then, well pleased with his find, walked down the street to a nearby cafe.

Here he found someone else in whom he was interested, a smart, broad-shouldered fellow who greeted him with a smile.

Verdier nodded; they walked upstairs and, when they returned ten minutes later, the blue and gold uniform, also the cap, had changed owners.

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Nicolai, the master spy of the Nazis! What could he be after in Switzerland? Verdier's next move was to put a telephone call through to the Bureau, asking for two men to assist him.

That arranged satisfactorily, he hastened off to the police office, to take counsel with his old friend Monet, the Commissar, with whom he had had many dealings in the past.

That functionary, bristling with indignation, promised that no stone would be left unturned to unmask what was evidently a pretty little plot in the making.

"But," he said to Verdier, "we must proceed cautiously, my friend. These Germans are touchy devils, and it will be as much as my post is worth if I make a mistake. You are quite sure it was Nicolai?"

Verdier was positive.

"It was he, without a doubt," he replied emphatically.

Only twenty-four hours later Berne buzzed with the news that the famous Chief of the German secret service had had a flaming row with the Führer over Russia.

He had thrown up his post and come to live in Switzerland in retirement.

A tense week of watching and waiting, shadowing everybody who went in and out of the Legation, made it certain that important events were in the offing. The

**COL. VON NICOLAI**, the man who built up Germany's spy system before and during the last war, is today one of the leading actors in the grim drama now unfolding itself before our eyes. Brought from semi-retirement by Hitler to be the Nazis' master-spy, his is the brain that has built up the Reich's Fifth Column all over the world. But von Nicolai has had his failures, one of the biggest of which was the astounding Swiss watch factory plot, revealed below.

A typical street scene in Paris, where the plans of Nicolai's agents came to grief.

two men on his heels, he travelled on to Dijon, where, like Rochaud, he made some pretence of taking orders.

But if any of Nicolai's spies were operating in this important military town, he gave no clues. He wrote a few letters to Switzerland enclosing some orders which were probably secret code messages.

They were detained in the Second Bureau, and Fabre was allowed to go on his way. The possibility that he might be an innocent commercial traveller was not altogether to be excluded.

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Then, late one night, the man who was watching him saw Rochaud. His appearance somewhat changed, emerged from his hotel and walked swiftly in the direction of the Seine.

Finally he entered a block of flats facing the river, and the watcher, not daring to follow him too closely, could just see by peering up the stairs that he went into the apartment on the second floor.

It was well after midnight before he emerged. He went straight back to his hotel, to sleep, no doubt, the sleep of the just, blissfully ignorant of the woman in the flat being hauled out of her virtuous couch at two o'clock in the morning.

Four hours later, while Paris was still shrouded in darkness, Rochaud, too, was rudely awakened and told to dress. He showed fight until a pair of handcuffs clapped on his wrists checked his violence.

And for what? he demanded when he had recovered. "I am being arrested? Even in France?" he went on sarcastically. "I presume there is a law. My Government shall hear of this."

"It certainly will, monsieur," retorted the police inspector.

At ten o'clock in the morning, still fiercely indignant, he was taken out of his cell to be interrogated. A door was opened for him and he found himself confronted by the woman he had left only the midnight before, the well-known adventuress Annette Bischoff.

There were several men in the room, hard-faced officials who began to ask him many questions. Those he would not answer were replied to by the dry-lipped woman.

She told of a certain paper she had given Rochaud a few hours previously, a paper wherein he had set down a vast amount of information about the air defences of Paris.

The Inspector produced a sheet of paper.

"Would this be the one you gave this man?" he asked suavely, nodding towards Rochaud.

"Yes, monsieur."

The Second Bureau knew all about the traffic in French visas that had been going on long before the outbreak of war, which had finally been broken up with the arrest of the dancer Virginia Cap (as detailed last Sunday).

There were no visas to be had now without the personal appearance of the applicant. Verdier sat in the French Consulate day after day until the three spies arrived.

They were all German-Swiss of



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waterfront which live on foreign seafarers.

To keep track of him was difficult. The strident-voiced slatterns who ran these haunts had an unctuous smell for the police. They shrugged their massive shoulders and gave insolent answers to questions about their customers.

But patience pays in the long run. On the tenth night of their vigil, they learnt that their man had been inquiring for two people—Eugenie Lupz and Kurt Auger.

The detectives could have told him where the fair Eugenie might be found, if not in Kurt. Eugenie was lying in Marseilles prison under sentence of death for spying; her comrade had gone while the going was good.

To shoot three Swiss citizens, having regard to all the circumstances, was perhaps a trifle unpolitical. Such an affair might well create bitter resentment in the Cantons.

All the captives talked freely enough when they realised their predicament, and the French, thankful for the knowledge, wisely considered that justice would be met by that life imprisonment which is life only in name.

As souvenirs of a most intriguing affair, there were quite a number of reliable Swiss watches to be distributed to the gentlemen who had been concerned in it.

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By Lieut.-Cmdr. E. KEBLE  
CHATTERTON

WHEN the First Great European War began, there was still serving afloat a certain gallant but somewhat conservative British admiral who regarded submarines with too much contempt.

During naval manoeuvres, some ardent young submarine commanding officer rose to the surface and signalled a claim to have torpedoed a flagship, this merely cured in him angry indignation.

Reposterous as you did nothing of the sort, I could have sunk you half a dozen times."

Not long afterwards the war with Germany broke out, a U-boat sent one of this admiral's ships to the bottom with the loss of many fine officers and men. A serious lesson had been tragically learned.

So, likewise, twenty-six years ago just after hostilities had begun, I well remember the confidence with which air experts predicted that aeroplanes would never be utilised in warfare beyond such duties as scouting, or else reporting how artillery shells were falling.

No one in those days believed that aeroplanes could be employed for bombing, still less for machine-gunning, whereas today we speak of transporting troops across the sky as something quite ordinary.

The truth is just this: whereas strategy, like geographical features, suffers little change from one century to another, tactics are continually subject to the changes brought about by modern invention.

But not one new idea during our era has been at once so utterly revolutionary and far-penetrating as that of the internal combustion motor.

Without its introduction there would have been no need for millions of human beings to dread danger from the clouds, or for sailors to expect peril from invisible steel submarines.



# MOSQUITOES!

And now, in a third manner, the motor is bringing destruction across the sea with startling novelty: "Violent encounters took place off the East Coast of England between German motor-torpedo-boats and British destroyers."

That announcement made a few days ago, concerning the attack last Sunday night against one of our convoys, follows closely the sinking by motor-torpedo-boat of a British destroyer during the Dunkirk evacuation.

And readers will not have forgotten that when the Low Countries became over-run, I suggested Germany would certainly waste little time in fitting these mosquito craft to the coast by means of the canal system which extends like a vast spider's web right across the European continent.

From central and northern Germany, through Holland—with innumerable connections at all points of the compass—thence across Belgium, into France with alternative routes to Lyons till reaching the rapid-running Rhône these new light-draught motor war vessels can transfer themselves from North Sea to the Mediterranean at Marseilles.

Thus a new kind of water technique is being developed analogous to the tank tactics.

Given summer weather, even the boisterous North Sea will not prevent co-operation between these boats and low-flying aeroplanes.

## New Possibilities

Moreover, such is the immense mileage of continental internal waterways that these slender, but death-dealing, boats can make their infiltration all over the map, cruising about with the tank's independence and then, if needs be, transferring their services to join hands off the Riviera coast with the Italians.

An entirely fresh and original prospect is opened up to our enemies with every new mile of freshly conquered territory, and we shall do well not to ignore these possibilities.

For example, motor-driven boats could reach Paris as easily from Brussels, Dunkirk or Calais, Namur, Dinant, Sedan, Cambrai, Amiens, Rethel: the rivers Aisne, Somme and Marne are features of the voyage.

And should the Allied Armies be forced to retreat well southward, there is even a short cut by water from the Rhine at Metz via Strasbourg to a few miles north of Lyons.

Supplies of munitions, food and petrol could thus be fetched direct from such places as Cologne, Dusseldorf, Mannheim, with little difficulty.

Motor-barges use this way with regular trading.

The importance of the Allies' resistance just now can therefore scarcely be overstressed. True, that fine and ancient race of French barges would not without a struggle allow such waterways to fall into enemies' hands.

You can be sure that in the last resort they will sink their heavy vessels across the canals, blow up the lock-gates, destroy essential aqueducts, though this may have a temporary rather than permanent effect.

## Doubtful Theories

Until comparatively recently, admiralties despised motor war vessels in much the same manner that the submarine used to be under-estimated. Then, suddenly, startling results—hard, irrefutable facts—washed doubtless theories into oblivion.

It was, in a sentence, the triumph of youth over prejudice.

And the movement began almost simultaneously in the British and Italian navies during the year 1916. Germany did not seriously adopt the idea till much more recently.

Basically it was the need for a suitable anti-submarine weapon which inspired a few young naval officers then serving in the Harwich Destroyer Flotilla, and they were allowed full opportunity to inaugurate their scheme.

Originally the idea was to build small, shallow, but exceedingly fast little ships capable of bouncing across minefields, and likewise of being hoisted aboard

the Harwich cruisers by davits, and then lowered quickly as required out at sea.

Known as Coastal Motor Boats their weight was restricted to 44 tons, their length to 40 ft., but powerful Thornycroft motors gave them a speed of 33 knots.

Then, gradually, these boats were allowed greater independence, length was increased to 55 ft., speed to over 40 knots, and two torpedoes with light guns made them both a splendid command for a keen young lieutenant and a serious menace to the enemy.

With great daring the coastal motor boats dashed into Zeebrugge and Ostend, "put the wind up" German torpedo-boats or U-boats, and generally performed a magnificent work throughout a whole chapter of fierce fights.

Under the influence of Admiral Thaon di Revel, Italy's then Commander-in-Chief, they grew in numbers till as many as 400 were built. Some even were fitted with depth-charges.

The most outstanding occasion was that of a June dawn, when M.A.S. No. 15 was cruising up the Adriatic near the island of Pre-muda, and sighted a considerable cloud of smoke six miles distant—two of Austria's 20,000-ton battleships, the Szent Istvan and Tegetthof, approaching.

Biding his time, the officer in No. 15 dodged the ten Austrian escorting destroyers, fired both torpedoes from 900 yards, and both hit. Huge columns of water rose up, the Szent Istvan lurched drunkenly, developed a 12-degree list, and took a deep dive to the seabed. That was the work of a wooden motor-boat contending against a Dreadnought.

The Italian temperament, with its intense love of the dramatic, its individualistic desire for adventure, became rapidly inspired by these M.A.S., so that for some years greater zeal was given to such small craft than deserved, and big-ship building in consequence was neglected.

This remarkable victory by a frail wooden, 55-ft. boat, low-lying, difficult to be spotted by night, even in searchlights, so thrilled the world that most naval nations adopted the English principle.

But simultaneously Italy, with her clever engineers and motor-mechanics, had by force of circumstances been driven to evolve some sort of boat suitable for the Adriatic to operate against German and Austrian submarines. Finally in 1916 the Italian navy evolved a type 42 ft.

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## LIFE'S BIG PROBLEMS

"OUR FRIEND  
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ATLANTIC TO US AND OUR ATLANTIC.

During those first months of inaction the Americans made no attempt to dislodge their distrust of what they called a "phoney" war. Their attitude, even after the Nazi invasion of Norway, was one of lukewarm indifference.

It was our fight—and we had better get on with it. That was how they looked at it. But in the last month, while the German armies have swept through Belgium and across France, American opinion has undergone a transformation as swift as that advance.

So now the pendulum swings. Americans are no longer indifferent spectators of our fight for freedom and peace. Warplanes, munitions and arms come flowing across the sea to us in an ever-increasing stream. Soon their soldiers may be marching shoulder to shoulder with the British and French.

But even if they refrain from active participation, the knowledge that they are behind us, heart and soul, in our struggle should give us courage to hold out.

"In the New World we live for each other and in the service of a Christian faith," said President Roosevelt. Since Christianity first lit men's hearts sympathy and understanding have been twin bonds uniting all those who believe in God.

Today—make no mistake about this—America understands the peril we face, and with that understanding has come sympathy—honest and practical—to encourage us.

I ONCE heard sympathy very aptly described as "two hearts tugging at one load." That is what is happening now. The heart of America beats for us and our cause.

Uncle Sam's hand—the helping hand of a true friend in need—stretches out across the Atlantic towards us.

From that gesture let us take new life and hope. It has come in a dark and troubled hour, but we value it all the more because of that.

tions, can we expect Mussolini's mosquito fleet to be utilized?

The opportunity most coveted would be against capital ships some dark, moonless night when proceeding through comparatively narrow straits (such as between Pantelleria Island and Malta); or lurking about off harbour entrance when the British Mediterranean Fleet was slowing down to enter; or these boats might dart out from the shadow of the shore to launch their torpedoes against some supply-ship.

It is not improbable that nocturnal minelaying will be attempted by the M.A.S. in such channels where the Mediterranean happens to be shallow enough. The approaches to France's naval base at Toulon will need to be swept regularly by our Allies' trawlers.

Where the Italian will excel is in attempting such tricky things as forcing his boat stealthily through harbour boom-defences, as he did during the last war into Pola, where the crack battleship Viribus Unitis was sunk.

But British security is something considerably more efficient than ever Austrian minds devised, and we need have no anxiety in that respect. The best protection against any menace of this sort is vigilance and the readiness to open fire with light quick-firing guns; for vulnerability is the weakest feature of an M.A.S.

One may penetrate the hull, carry away the steering-gear, or put the motor out of action. Then all is finished.

It would not be surprising if the Italian navy, with so few battleships and so many motor-boats, adopted a policy of conserving their speed-draught units while seeking to rely on the less costly and easily-built torpedo-carrying craft.

If yet Mussolini decides to send troops into Corsica, he must cover their passage by strong naval forces able to contend against any part of our fleet that might be sent against him.

## Modern Design

On the other hand, the French transport route of 400 miles between Algiers and Marseilles passes between the Balearic Isles at one side and Sardinia at the other. It is conceivable that the Duce might be willing to risk losing quite a number of M.A.S. in a massed attack against France's steamers carrying North African regiments.

Of his three score and ten warlike speedboats, fourteen are quite small between twelve and fifteen tons displacement, with turtle decks, a length of about fifty feet, armed with a couple of torpedo-tubes, two machine-guns.

The earlier types possess a speed of only twenty-six knots but the later ones can develop forty knots. Still more recent are the categories having bigger displacement of thirty-five and even sixty tons, and a speed ranging from thirty to as much as forty-seven knots when running full out.

Four of these, however, are little better than motor-cruiser yachts with deckhouses and cabin, of no greater fighting value but in peace-time based on such ports as San Remo for patrolling the coast. These might have their value for scouting purposes and anti-submarine patrols.

The most promising M.A.S. are the twenty-ton class of modern construction, obviously designed largely on the lines of improved British C.M.B.s. They are roughly seventy feet long, their petrol engines give them forty-seven knots, and they can travel for 250 miles. Armed with two 18-inch torpedoes, a couple of anti-aircraft guns, their greatest enemies would be British low-flying aeroplanes.

Five years ago an improved and larger displacement species was created with corresponding superiority in sea-keeping abilities. Measuring 105 feet over all, and of nearly 60 tons, their speed is restricted to 30 knots. Thus by a complete cycle of change the modern motor torpedo-boat becomes more like the old-fashioned steam torpedo-boat.

These carry one torpedo-tube at either side forward, and no doubt were the class that sprang their attack last week in the North Sea. There is, however, a smaller German design of the above-mentioned 45 tons, yet having a speed of 35 knots.

Should we feel undue anxiety concerning our enemies' hopes under this heading?

Most certainly not. Our own service of motor torpedo-boats is amazingly efficient as to speed and every other respect. Three years ago six of them proved their extreme seaworthiness by journeying under their own power from Portsmouth down the Bay of Biscay to Malta, and the fighting ardour of their youthful crews will again make history as their predecessors of the Coastal Command Boats did in the last war.

Keep your eye on the motor torpedo-boats, and before long you may learn of glorious achievements in the modern naval warfare.

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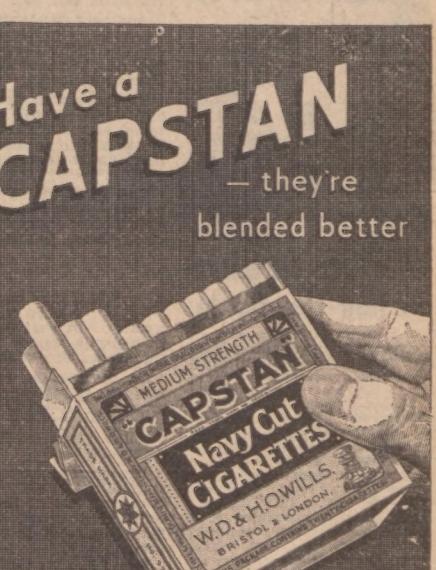
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2 At the foot of these pages are spaces marked 'Counterfoil'. Here you must write your name and address, the date, and the name and address of the shop where you wish to buy the particular food during the six months' period beginning July 8th.

3 Inside the front cover of your Ration Book you must write the names and addresses of the shops.

4 As soon as you have done this, take the Book to each of the shops with whom you intend to register, so that they may cut out their counterfoils.

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**"MAN O' THE PEOPLE" WRITES ON "THINGS THAT**

**LET'S TALK IT OVER**

**MATTER TO  
YOU AND ME"**

**C**AN there be anybody left in England so besotted and so blind as not to realise now that we are literally fighting for our lives? Can any of us have learnt of the fall of Paris and the enemy rush beyond without a surge of determination to fight on with our grand Allies until victory be won at last? And is there any selfishness so base as to grudge its contribution to the common cause?

The immense majority of the people of these islands do realise the peril which confronts us and are resolved to withstand it at all costs.

Nevertheless, there are millions among us whose eager willingness to serve is still frustrated, and tens of thousands more who still do not appreciate the urgency of the nation's needs.

Deliberate shirkers may not be numerous, and no doubt there is more foolishness than mulishness among the rest of them.

But we can't afford to be soft with shirkers of any kind any longer. They need a touch of the whip of compulsion, and the Government should let them have it at once.

**T**HERE is no time to lose; not a day, not an hour. The Allies are facing a deadlier peril than they have ever faced before.

We must save France if we would save ourselves. We must send her instantly every available man and gun and plane and tank.

And to do that we must demand the utmost of every fit man and woman in these islands.

We have not hesitated to conscript life. Can we hesitate now to conscript money, labour, leisure—anything and everything that is needed to win the war?

**I** USED "labour" with a small "l". Let no reader suppose that I was referring to any party or class. I mean the labour and the leisure and money of us all.

Mr. Morrison and Mr. Bevin have paid high tribute to the men and women now working at top pressure in our factories.

But the fact remains that hundreds of thousands of people—perhaps millions—are working at "peace-time pace."

Many of them are in no way to blame. Many of them are desperately anxious for the opportunity of greater service.

But what on earth is the matter with us as a great people that we should need so long a time to "take up the slack" which Germany took up five, or six, or even seven years ago?

**I**T is "Man o' the People's" opinion that we ought to stop thinking in terms of "military age" at all. Instead it should be the resolve of every able-bodied man and woman to do his or her utmost to help the country.

Today, as anybody with eyes in his head can see for himself, a spate of British man-power is running to waste.

You must know that there are thousands of young men—fit, ready and "signed on"—who are kicking their heels in the uncertainty and wretchedness of waiting to join their units.

Incredibly though it may seem, many of these eager, potential soldiers are actually drawing the dole!

But, altogether apart from these lads who are merely waiting orders, there are tens of thousands of good men and women still permitted to do—nay, economically forced to do—things that don't much matter.

That can't be entirely avoided, but—by heaven!—we could mobilise the spare-time services of all these people.

**T**HERE is no important office or works between Land's End and John o' Groats which does not harbour one or more veterans of the last war eager and ready to do his bit in this one.

And your correspondent can see no excuse for the presence in our midst of battalions and divisions of fit men—no matter their age—who are not even being trained to use a rifle or develop their own muscles.

To blazes with "proper equipment"! To the devil with all this nonsense about shortage of camps and instructors! Why, heaven help us all! We were drilling men in "civvies" and sleeping them under canvas for months during the last war!

This time—for all I can see to the contrary—we are letting patriotism itself run to seed and giving every "sissy" in the country a ready-made excuse for not making himself a man.

**T**HE time may come—and very soon, too—when we shall have to defend this country. In that event every trained man, or even partly trained man, will be worth two or three bewildered amateurs.

Let the Minister of War remember this. Let him bear in mind that thousands and thousands of veteran officers and N.C.O.s would jump at the chance of drilling and exercising the citizen "soldier" past military age, but fit for home defence.

The big response to the call for Defence Volunteers is not enough. Let these "Parashots" be used, as some of them fortunately are already being used to relieve regular soldiers of guard duty and other necessary, but relatively unimportant, work.

And, above all, let the Government use its wide compulsory powers to compel fit men to service whenever compulsion seems necessary.

**F**ACTS need to be faced and the cardinal fact today is that, for the time being this country must rely utterly upon its own efforts.

Even were the United States to declare war upon Germany immediately—as she well may do in the near future—she still could not send us

effective man-power in time to meet the present emergency.

And so, to free more men for service overseas, we must train others at home to take their place. To keep our war industry working day and night at top speed we must be prepared to curtail, or even to close down, all unessential activities.

The Government has been counting far too much upon "the willing horses." I have grown sick of continual appeals to our better nature—the pleading for our savings: the slogans and the posters and the broadcasts, all begging us to do what we ought to do gladly, or else be made to do.

Sometimes a mild warning is uttered to strengthen an appeal. Sir John Anderson, for instance, said the other day that he might have the country's wholehearted support were he to use his powers at once to obtain all the additional workers he requires.

Why that "might"? Our air raid precautions ought to be complete by now, but, since they obviously are not, Sir John would have the country's wholehearted support were he to use his powers at once to obtain all the additional workers he requires.

WHERE, it may be asked, could these workers be found? They are plentiful as berries in autumn. Consider, for example, the multitude of clerks and shop assistants who could be released for training by a simple order to close offices and shops, say, two hours earlier three days a week.

I am not mentioning "collar-and-tie" workers in particular, for I know that there are just as many "willing horses" among them as among the rest of the community.

My point is that everybody who is not already working full time in some war industry, could be

**Thought for Today**

HE WHO FEARS BEING CONQUERED IS SURE OF DEFEAT.—Napoleon.

drawn upon—that is to say, within reasonable limits of age and physical fitness—for part-time service as and when needed.

And, of course, employers should be made to give them the necessary opportunities.

LET me repeat that we cannot afford to be "soft" with any class or section of the community.

There is a strong feeling among the public, and I share it, that we are still being too "soft" with a host of aliens in our midst.

In London and in all our big cities you can still see hundreds upon hundreds of foreigners, many of them of enemy nationality, enjoying an astonishing liberty and, often, affronting our sense of justice by their affluence and disregard of our tremendous war effort.

Of course, many hundreds have been interned and many thousands more are now under close police supervision. Moreover, one can't help feeling sorry for others who have lived in this country long years and love it well.

But we can't afford to take chances. In this instance nobody should be given the benefit of the slightest doubt.

For even the aliens who are interned can count themselves lucky. They are certainly better fed and better housed than the internees in Germany. And they are not yet conscripted to work on the land or do forced labour in return for their keep.

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# Great Engineering Works Will Join In War Hustle

## B.E.F.'S TANKS TO BE MASS-PRODUCED

KEEPING THE OLD FLAG FLYING



Happy faces at the window of a railway carriage marked the departure of more children leaving London yesterday for a place of greater safety.

### Air-Troops Might Free Nazis

## PRISON CAMP PERIL

### Child Adopted From Battlefield

COST £10

Nurse's False Petrol Claim

From Our Own Correspondent

Bath Saturday, ANNA MARIE TRENNET, A forty-seven, was at Bath today fined £2 10s. on each of four charges of furnishing information to obtain additional petrol, containing a false statement—that she required it for use in her practice as a nurse.

Det. Inspector Coles said the authorities regarded the case as very serious. She had rendered herself liable to aggregate maximum penalties of £400 and 12 months' imprisonment.

Her duties at a hospital required no travel. She told another officer: "I used the petrol to take the nurses out and to go to town."

Defending, Mr. C. P. Gilshen said that Miss Trenet was really doing what thousands were doing every month—making their applications as colourful as possible.

EIGHT-YEARS-OLD JACQUES VERGER, WHOM A BRITISH OFFICER FOUND ON THE SOMME BATTLEFIELD, IS NOW SAFE IN HIS NEW HOME IN ENGLAND.

"I couldn't leave the poor boy to be killed, so I brought him along," said the officer, Lieut. Barrett, yesterday.

Lieut. Barrett was passing through a town on the Somme and found the boy with his mother. His father had been killed.

OFFER TO MOTHER

"I had seen women and children machine-gunned, bombed and crushed under tanks," said Lieut. Barrett. "When I saw Jacques I decided I would try to save at least one young life."

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## PLAN FOR NEW JAILS ABROAD

By Our Political Correspondent

GERMAN prisoners in this country may be sent to camps in the Dominions or Colonies.

This is one of the proposals which is being considered by the Government, because of the possibility that armed parachutists might be dropped from troop-carrying planes near certain camps and might try to set the prisoners free. Only the more militant and arrogant prisoners would be sent abroad.

Other plans which are being considered include:

Removal of camps from lonely districts; and

Transfer of camps that are within easy reach of the coast to more distant parts of the country.

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## THOUSANDS OF MEN GOING TO NEW JOBS

### IT IS WAR EITHER WAY

HUSBAND: My married life is very much like international affairs. I tried appealing my wife and saying "Yes" to her, but that did no good. Then I tried saying "No" occasionally, and the result is I have this black eye.

Solicitor: You now wish to be separated from your wife?

Husband: Yes. I don't want any additional worries in times like this.

Wife: What if I do nag? A wife is entitled to some enjoyment.

Husband: The only way I can preserve peace in my home is to admit to my wife that I am indolent, thriftless and a drunkard.

Wife: My husband says that there were many more women like me in England Hitler would not want to come here anyway.

Husband: You have never allowed me more than sixpence a day pocket money.

Wife: That meant you had enough to buy a drink for yourself but not for any other woman.

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"I guessed there had been some mistake over my Desmonde, so I went to the Women's Labour Exchange to find out what was about," she said yesterday.

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2. In certain classes one gets the necessary time for it
3. Money is often left in one's pocket
4. Workman is likely to do better work if his tools hit him
5. One's position in this nearly always depends on one's ability to get along
6. The end of marriage
7. Very often answer to difficult puzzle suddenly comes out of the this
8. Rate of call-up of men has been largely on these in command
9. Wriggling fish
10. Evers the end of 7 down
11. They often cause a riot
12. Soldier will take his place with this when ordered to attack
13. The end of laugh one may hear from those who are in a corner

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3. Eating place
4. When one this others are likely to follow suit
5. Probably won't come to you unless you live in a very busy district
6. What one may get as the result of a wound
7. One who has been ill in his house is not likely to be a success
8. Some garden plants are held up by this
9. Fruit
10. When pad mistake will probably cause one to lose this
11. It is used for lighting and cooking
12. Golfer may well have a few practice shots if he has a difficult this to play

CLUES DOWN

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# Don't Miss These Last Few Chapters

# Daughter of Mystery

By  
LOUISE  
GERARD

THE ruined chapel was not the only building in the sunken valley. There was another, an oblong place, very like a cow-hotel, some little distance away beneath a group of white acacias, whose blossoms covered the ground as if with snow, the ever-falling petals filling the gilded air with a slow, constant shower.

At one end of the valley, between the hotel-like structure and the slit of an entrance, a spreading fan of trees stood, as though the forest had marched up through the rocky portal and were invading the forgotten spot.

Out from these trees a party had just issued, unexpected and without warning. They had come upon another party camped within the crater, the majority of whom were just awaking from their afternoon siesta.

The chatter and the babble caused by the arrival of the newcomers had brought a young man out of his matted tent and into the acacia trees, and a girl to the door of the old stone hut.

At the sight of the leader of the oncoming party the young man had stopped in mid-stride.

Then the first of the revolver shots roused the echoes. But haste and surprise made it miss its mark.

Perron's answering shot knocked the revolver from Miguel's hand.

With drawn dagger, the latter sprang at his assailant, to fall back stunned and silent beneath the weight of the other's fists.

## Terror

The unexpected tragedy left the assembled negroes cowed and silent-heedless of Héon's imploring cries.

There was no ill-feeling between the porters and servants of the castle and the negroes who had been brought with them from Robson's factory. They were all friends, and had hobnobbed together many a time in the square with the camphor tree.

The lead lay between their leaders. Between Perron who had always been their master, and the occidentals who had been born but little superior to themselves.

Now the latter lay stunned and silent beneath the weight of the master's hand.

It was not for them to interfere even if the Contessa ran towards the ruined chapel as though worse than death lay behind her. If the interferred the negroes and would fall as heavily on them as it had upon their leader.

There was a mad, savage look on

earth could keep him from his purpose.

The rustle of the leaves as he walked up the aisle filled the inner gloom. On the bare ground the sound fell like an ever-increasing, menacing hiss; each leaf and twig that bent back behind him meant that he was nearer.

In dread fascination she watched him.

A long black shadow from the mountains fell across the building, blinding out the sunshine. A sound like an ever-increasing, menacing hiss; each leaf and twig that bent back behind him meant that he was nearer.

He turned and made after the slim, flying black-robed figure.

Héon flew on into the ruins, why did not know. He would have no respect for hallowed ground. But in his terror-stricken mind it was the one place in the valley where for a moment she could hide from those lustful eyes.

Up the weed-grown aisle she ran, the rustle of the leaves behind her, trying to catch at her and impeded her movement as if trying to bring her to a standstill.

Behind her, grante rails she passed, snarled and panting with strained eyes fixed on the big dusky face. He turned and made after the slim, flying black-robed figure.

As though frozen, Héon looked down at him.

"Holy Virgin, José! What has happened?" came out in a gasping whisper.

## Blasphemy

He tried to raise himself, but could not. From the waist downwards he was as dead. Then there rolled a stream of curses, all around him and around and about her name.

"Héon! Héon!" he kept on calling, intermingled with a stream of blasphemy.

"Héon! Héon!" the old walls echoed back at him, giving him curse for curse.

She tried to move, she watched him. Then aided by his hands, he dragged himself over on his stomach, and with bloodshot, frothing, foaming mouth and nostrils, and staring bloodshot eyes.

As though frozen, Héon looked down at him.

"José, don't! José, don't!" was all the child could gasp.

But each night the purple mountains were nearer.

From the top of the hill he had learnt a little forest lore, how to snare birds and the lesser beasts; whilst he cursed the man, occasionally blessed him, for with this knowledge he could keep himself alive without having to use those precious cartridges.

Once or twice he heard lions roar in the night, and he had learnt the plain with their savage thunder.

The sound silenced the hyenas and made Harding pile his fire still higher.

They could not be kept at bay with stones, nor could they be heard near their roars before, behind bars in the Zoo. Then he had no idea they could be so awe-inspiring.

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A ghastly, horrid squeal like that of a wounded, tortured horse, rend suddenly a sound of rustling leaves and approaching footsteps.

At the foot of the altar steps Perron paused, watching the girl of ivory. The girl, with a piteous, devoured thing, coming rapidly towards her, but that, the sound of rustling leaves and approaching way.

"So little cousin, you thought you'd escape me," he said.

"José, don't!" she cried again.

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**Follow The King's Example****Lend Shot Guns For L.D.V. Use**

THE KING IS HANDING OVER A NUMBER OF HIS SPORTING GUNS FOR USE BY LOCAL DEFENCE VOLUNTEERS.

Sir Edward Grigg, Under-Secretary for War, announced this in a broadcast appeal last night to owners of 12-bore shot-guns to lend them to the country for use by the volunteers.

"I am sure all owners will wish to follow His Majesty's example," he said.

"Rifles have been issued in very large numbers to volunteers, but 12-bore shot-guns were more efficient and serviceable for many of their duties.

"Will all owners of such guns, who have no immediate use for them, hand them in as soon as possible to the nearest police station, with their gun-cases and cleaning material?" asked Sir Edward.

"The guns will be entrusted to the local Territorial Association, where they will be tested for ball-ammunition by an expert and then issued to the volunteers.

"All possible care will be taken of the guns in order that they may be returned to their owners when the country no longer needs them."

The Volunteers were now more than half a million strong, he said, and the time was close at hand when they could render yeoman service to the country.

"The main essential is speed in getting information to the nearest military command," he said.

"Observers and despatch riders must therefore know exactly where to report, and arrangements must be made to pass the information rapidly by telephone or otherwise."

**HEAVY GUNFIRE ON SWISS BORDER**

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**BOMBS ON ABYSSINIAN BARRACKS**

Pretoria, Saturday.

HAVOC WROUGHT BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE IN SOUTHERN ABYSSINIA WAS GIVEN IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN PRETORIA TODAY.

"Our aircraft carried out raids on two separate places," it was stated.

"At one place direct hits were obtained on barracks. Anti-aircraft fire opposition was encountered here."

"Our aircraft secured a direct hit on a large building adjoining the aerodrome. Immediately after the direct hit the anti-aircraft fire ceased. It is presumed a bomb put the gun out of action. The attack was made at a low altitude."

"At the other centre one salvo scored a hit on large buildings. Our aircraft returned to their bases."—Reuter.

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The latest points of the German thrusts.

**Colonel Led The Charge TANK CREW'S BIG BAG**

From Reuter's Special Correspondent with the B.E.F. Somewhere in France, Saturday.

HOW THE COLONEL OF A FAMOUS MOTORISED CAVALRY REGIMENT, ACCOMPANIED BY A HANDFUL OF OTHER OFFICERS, PERSONALLY LED A GROUP OF LIGHT TANKS AGAINST A GERMAN POSITION AND CAPTURED 70 PRISONERS, WAS TOLD TO ME TODAY.

THIS REGIMENT CROSSED THE SEINE AFTER A GRUELING THREE WEEKS ON THE SOMME FRONT, IN WHICH A BRITISH ARMOURED DIVISION SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES.

Retreating west of the Seine, the hard-pressed French infantry asked the British tanks to counter-attack. The Colonel's small party charged the Germans, who were hidden in deep trenches immune from tank fire.

The tanks passed over their heads. Then the crews leapt out and rounded up 70 Nazis, four of whom were armed with Tommy-guns and the remainder with Mausers.

FEARED OUR TANKS Earlier, near Forges-les-Eaux, north of the Seine, the same regiment was attacked by numerous heavy and light tanks, but beat them back.

The adjutant of the regiment told me that the British two-pounder guns were little use against the German tanks of 70 or 80 tons, but the British light tanks fully matched their German counterparts.

The German infantry, he said, feared the British tanks and could not stand up to them.

The Germans, however, were still using numerous planes with their tanks. These were followed by motorised infantry armed with mortars, who deployed behind the tanks and surrounded our positions.

Against these tactics the Allies had not yet devised an adequate riposte.

THE German High Command communiqué yesterday made the following claims about the fighting in France:

After breaking through the line of forts on both sides of the Meuse, we have taken the town and citadel of Verdun, which were so strongly contested in the last war.

Our troops have broken through the Maginot Line over a wide front to the south of Saarbrücken after heavy fighting.

The pursuit between the Lower Seine and the Meuse is continuing everywhere.

The disbandment of the beaten French Army is progressing. At many points sections of enemy troops gave themselves up without fight.

The newly-arrived units of the enemy are composed of hastily-collected remnants of beaten divisions and substitute troops.

200,000 PRISONERS Since June 5 over 200,000 prisoners have been taken. The amount of war booty cannot yet be estimated.

Paris was occupied yesterday without fight and traversed.

The German war ensign is flying today above the Palace of Versailles, where German destiny was forged in 1871 and which in 1919 was the scene of German shame.

South of the Argonne Forest the enemy was thrown back in a south-easterly direction and pushed back from his line of retreat.

Many trains were destroyed, and

**NEW B.E.F. RUSHES UP AND THEY SING AS THEY GO**

From "The People" Special Correspondent with the B.E.F.

THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES ARE MOVING PAINFULLY AND SLOWLY ALONG ALL ROADS LEADING SOUTH AND WEST FROM PARIS AS THE GREATEST TRAGEDY IN THE HISTORY OF FRANCE DRAWS RAPIDLY TO A CLOSE. THE GERMAN DRIVE, WHICH HAS ALREADY TAKEN PARIS, IS NOW MOVING WESTWARDS TO THE TEMPORARY BASES OF THE ALLIED ARMIES.

And as occurred in Belgium two weeks ago, an unbelievable tide of humanity encumbers the roads leading from what was once the gayest city in all Europe, as the greater part of the French nation struggles in any direction to avoid the German menace.

Bombed and machine-gunned as they plod wearily along the hot and dusty roads, scores of these unhappy refugees have died crouching in the hedge-rows as they vainly seek shelter from the Nazis' inhuman attacks from the air.

**SERGEANT'S EXPLOITS**

As they arrive in one town, the high-pitched wail of the air-raid sirens urges them on their never-ending trek.

The only traffic in the opposite direction in this area is formed by the long lines of British troops cheerful, singing and whistling as they go to the front in a desperate effort to stem the Nazi advance. Their spirit is wonderful, although they are

advancing to meet an enemy who outnumbers them and is more powerfully armed.

I have heard in these last few hours epic stories of heroism from some of our men who have been in the fighting line. One sergeant back here and about to advance again has been captured no fewer than four times.

Today he told me how he escaped. The first time he was taken prisoner by the crew of a German tank, who forced him to ride on top while it crashed along at 30 miles an hour. Shells and shrapnel were flying all round him, and, at last, the fire of the French 75's became so hot that he decided to risk injury by rolling off.

As he lay in the road this sergeant was promptly recaptured by following German infantry. He pretended to be stunned and deceived by this ruse, the Germans placed him with a party of wounded Frenchmen guarded by only one sentry.

Awaiting his opportunity, the sergeant knocked out the sentry with a stone and escaped. He was recaptured a few miles away, however, escaped a third time, only to fall once more into German hands.

Still undeterred, he eluded the enemy again by climbing through the window of a barn in which he was held, and succeeded finally in regaining his unit.

**PLANE TERROR**

The entry of Italy into the war has caused no anxiety here. The French have only contempt for the Nazis. Three times today they were over the town the streets of which are packed with thousands of refugees. Men, women and children have been mercilessly machine-gunned and bombed.

The terror of these unhappy people as they wait for the dreaded sound of the sirens heralding the approach of the Nazi pilots is pitiful to see.

Everywhere there is the feeling that American help is vital—and if France is to be saved it must come quickly. The R.A.F. are doing magnificent work, but they are short of planes. The fighting spirit of the Allied armies remains unbroken—but they are short of guns to meet tanks and armoured units.

The loss of Paris is the greatest blow France has sustained in centuries. Peasants who have never even seen the capital are weeping because of its fall.

All factories in the Paris area were dynamited before the Germans arrived. But because it was declared an open city, the Seine bridges were left intact. These the enemy have crossed on their drive West and South.

**STOP PRESS**

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**ITALIAN CREW OF 50 TAKEN PRISONER**

THE fifty members of the crew of the Italian steamer Timavo have been landed from a naval vessel at Durban.

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